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**Fairfield Delegation Announces \$7.8 Million Aid for Tomlinson School,  
\$500,000 Authorization for Other Projects**



*Funds Would Aid Operation Hope, Historical  
Society, Theatre Company*

State Sen. John McKinney (R-28) and Reps. Jack Stone (R-134), Cathy Tymniak (R-133), and Thomas Drew (D-132) announced that bonding legislation approved by the state House and Senate contains \$250,000 for Operation Hope, \$150,000 for a new Fairfield Museum and Historical Center and \$100,000 for sprinklers at the Fairfield Theatre Company.

The legislation, SB 2003, authorizes the state to borrow funds to assist a variety of state and local construction projects including the three Fairfield buildings. Operation Hope, which addresses the problem of homelessness, is buying a new administration building. The Fairfield Historical Society, which has outgrown its Old Post Road headquarters, is planning to build a new center behind Town Hall.

The legislators said they will work to see that the projects receive final approval from the state Bond Commission in coming months.

In separate legislation, SB 2002, the legislature approved a state school construction grant of \$7,836,946 toward renovations and additions to Tomlinson Middle School.

Rep. McKinney said, "I am very pleased to announce that Operation Hope is slated to receive state funding for its work in support of the homeless. I have been deeply involved with this issue for many years, and I thank the governor, her administration and the legislature for assisting this outstanding organization and its vital work on behalf of those in need."

Rep. Stone said, "It is an honor to again provide leadership in obtaining state funds for worthwhile projects in Fairfield. The work of Operation Hope is well known in helping individuals and families who are at risk of hunger and homelessness, so that they may achieve increased stability and self-reliance."

Rep. Tymniak said, "Operation Hope and the Historical Society are two of the finest organizations in Fairfield. They are deserving of state recognition and support, and I am happy to see their inclusion in this legislation."

Rep. Drew said, "It gives me great satisfaction to see funding approved for these important projects in the State Bond package. This funding is essential for improving and continuing the services offered by these excellent organizations that have become a valuable component for the Fairfield community."